CLAIMS:

- 1. An additive for improving cold-flow and lubricating properties of fuel oils, comprising
- 5 A) 5 95% by weight of at least one oil-soluble amphiphile of the formula 1

$$R^{1} \begin{bmatrix} O \\ C - X - R^{2} \end{bmatrix}_{y}$$
 (1)

and/or 2

$$R^1 \longrightarrow X \longrightarrow R^2 \tag{2}$$

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- in which R^1 is an alkyl, alkenyl, hydroxyalkyl or aromatic radical having 1 to 50 carbon atoms, X is NH, NR³, O or S, y is 1, 2, 3 or 4, R^2 is hydrogen or an alkyl radical carrying hydroxyl groups and having 2 to 10 carbon atoms and R^3 is an alkyl radical carrying nitrogen and/or hydroxyl groups and having 2 to 10 carbon atoms or C_1 - C_{20} -alkyl, and
- B) 5 to 95% by weight of a terpolymer containing from 10 to 35 mol% of structural units derived from the vinyl ester of a carboxylic acid having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, from 1 to 15 mol% of structural units derived from the vinyl ester of a neocarboxylic acid having 8 to 15 carbon atoms, and structural units of ethylene to 100 mol%, and having a melt viscosity, measured at 140°C, of from 20 to 10,000 mPas.
- 2. The additive as claimed in claim 1, wherein R¹ and R² together contain at least 15 carbon atoms.

- 3. The additive as claimed in claim 1, wherein component A) is an ester of a carboxylic acid with a polyol having 2 to 8 carbon atoms.
- 5 4. The additive as claimed in claim 1, wherein R¹ comprises 5 to 40 carbon atoms.
 - 5. The additive as claimed in claim 1, wherein component A is a fatty acid alkanolamine or a fatty acid alkanolamide.
 - 6. The additive as claimed in claim 1, wherein the terpolymers of component B have a melt viscosity at 140°C of from 50 to 5000 mPas.
- 7. The additive as claimed in claim 1, wherein the terpolymers of component B)

 15 contain, as the vinyl neocarboxylate, the vinyl esters of neononanoic, neodecanoic or neoundecanoic acid.
 - 8. The additive as claimed in claim 1, wherein component A is a fatty acid having 12 to 30 carbon atoms.
 - 9. A fuel oil containing an additive as claimed in claim 1.

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- 10. The use of an additive as claimed in claim 1 for the simultaneous improvement of the lubricating activity and cold flow properties of fuel oils.
- 11. A mixture of additives as claimed in claim 1 with paraffin dispersants of the formula

in which R^{51} is C_4 - C_{50} -alkyl or C_4 - C_{50} -alkenyl, [O- R^{52}] is ethoxy and/or propoxy, n is a number from 5 to 100 and p is a number from 0 to 50, or comb polymers of the formula

in which

10 A is R', COOR', OCOR', R"-COOR' or OR';

D is H, CH_3 , A or R";

E is H or A;

G is H, R", R"-COOR', an aryl radical or a heterocyclic radical;

M is H, COOR", OCOR", OR" or COOH;

15 N is H, R", COOR", OCOR, COOH or an aryl radical;

R' is a hydrocarbon chain having 8 to 150 carbon atoms;

R" is a hydrocarbon chain having 1 to 10 carbon atoms;

m is a number from 0.4 to 1.0; and

n is a number from 0 to 0.6, the mixing ratio of additive as claimed in any of

claims 1 to 7 to paraffin dispersant or comb polymer being from 1:10 to 20:1.